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## FAD Announces Winner

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Teen designers took to the catwalk at London Fashion Week to compete for the 4th FAD Junior Awards.



Picture above:  
Model wearing Winning design  
By Fashion designer Kusheda Mensah

Displaying their collections in a one of catwalk show at the Vauxhall Fashion Scout, Kusheda Mensah, 17, from La Re traite RC School in Lambeth and Aysha Simpson, 17, from Raine's Foundation School, Tower Hamlets were announced the joint winners.

Briefed to design a collection inspired by Chinese culture and urban capital Shanghai, 22 finalists from FAD's Fashion Futures 2 (FF2) showcased their colourful collections to a crowd of industry experts.

Aysha fused masculine and feminine styles with an all in one with jodhpurs with a ladylike fanned hood gaining her a placement with top UK designer Elspeth Gibson. Kusheda impressed the panel with a jersey jumpsuit and was awarded the opportunity to work backstage at next season's Vauxhall Fashion Scout. The finalists were chosen from a group of 100 students to attend a summer school at the prestigious Central Saint Martins College, where they were given just five days to bring their collections to life.

The prizes were awarded by Anne Smith, Dean of Fashion at Central Saint Martins, Designer Elspeth Gibson and Martyn Roberts, Director of Vauxhall Fashion Scout. Three special mentions were also made – Emily McShane from Our Lady's School (Hackney) for creativity; Felipe Nascimento from Haverstock Enterprise College, Camden for fashion forward design and Grace Wales Bonner from Graveney School, Wandsworth for research.

The FAD is an educational fashion charity providing a platform to for emerging talent. Its aim is to nurture young talent with fashion workshops and competitions allowing them to work with and seek advice from industry professionals to reach their potential and develop their future.

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